

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER  
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2008  
MINUTES**

Present: Troy Norman, Marybeth Vander Male, Michael DeMares, Lisa McLean, Janet Enters, Corrine Gresen, Sandra Hack, Colleen Gonzalez, Linda Cole

Guests: Misty Barnhill (Friendships), Mary Madden (NAMI), Susan Dreyfus (Rogers Memorial Hospital)

Excused: Diane Begos, Lois Jones, Dennis Farrell, Jay Bova, Christine Hansen, Andrew Barnhill

Troy Norman called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

**Educational Segment:**

Janet Enters introduced Ms. Susan Dreyfus of Rogers Memorial Hospital (RMH) to discuss Mental Health Parity. Susan gave a review of the services and functions of RMH and explained her position there. Many different handouts were distributed. Susan shared with the group work that has been done with parity at the state and federal levels. The federal parity bill would go into effect January 1, 2010. Issues around eligibility, access, utilization determinations is different from mental health parity. The current WI bill applies to employers of 25 or fewer employees. Susan is finding the employers don't understand parity well and they are taking information directly from brokers, who are not well informed and have no additional products to offer. On November 13, 2008 a summit will be held with employers to discuss behavioral healthcare. Susan stated the Mental Health Advisory Committee is in a good position for that type of leadership in bringing the healthcare and mental health care together. Susan recommended the website [www.wholehealthcampaign.org](http://www.wholehealthcampaign.org) for healthcare reform issues. Susan pointed out the Ten Items for Advocacy and recommended reviewing them at a meeting to determine the relevancy of them and what the Mental Health Advisory Committee is trying to do.

**Review and Approval of September Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed from August and September. There were no additions or changes to either. Janet Enters moved to approve the minutes. Corrine Gonzalez seconded the motion. Both minutes were approved as published.

**Legislative Report**

Dennis Farrell was not in attendance This item was deferred to next month.

**Board Liaison Report**

Dennis Farrell was not in attendance. This item was deferred to next month.

**CCS Coordinating Committee**

Diane Begos was excused. Mike DeMares stated CCS was working on opening new group homes in the area. Peer support specialists are being sought for CCS, CSP, Clubhouse, Friendships, and First Call for Help.

**Old Business –**

Mike DeMares announced the budget was presented to the board and at this time different committees are reviewing the budget. The County Executive placed two items back into the budget: Funds to support the half time Jail Transition Specialist, which was state funded and the Children's Respite program.

Mike DeMares stated an HHS fulltime psychologist position will not be filled, but funds will be moved to support a part-time psychiatrist and a halftime social worker. This will help out with the long wait times that

patients are experiencing. A movement between a credential based CCS position and a credential based CSP position will result in increased reimbursements for the departments. Discussion followed.

Mike DeMares updated the committee on the search for a psychiatrist for the MHC.

**New Business –**

The 2009 Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting dates were distributed.

Agenda items for November:

Selection of Officers for 2009

Educational Segment: Residential programmin g, PLS and HILCO: What it is like to provide residential services, presented by peer specialists and home operators.

Linda Cole introduced Misty Barnhill as the lead facilitator at Friendships.

Marybeth Vander Male stated Jordon House will be holding an open house open to the board for their transitional living program on Monday October 27, 2008.

Lois Jones asked to inform the committee of her resignation. Lois fractured a hip in September and recovery has been slow. She thanks the committee for allowing her to participate and would appreciate it if we would continue to send her the agenda and minutes. The committee appreciated Lois' input and support of the MH Advisory Committee.

**Other -**

There was no other business. Linda Cole made a motion to adjourn. Corrine Gresen seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Sylvester  
Recorder

Minutes were approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Cc: Dennis Williams, Chair, AODA  
Julie Turkoske, Chair, DDAC  
Ron Pupp, Chair of CAFSAC  
Sue Konkell, Chair, Public Health  
County Clerk, Waukesha County